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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Mohamad Abdul Mohi

MAN CHARGED WITH FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING U.S. CITIZENSHIP

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced that Mohamad Abdul Mohi, 54, of Toledo, Ohio was arrested today on an Indictment charging him with procuring his United States citizenship through fraud, making false statements to government officials, and perjury.

The Indictment, which was handed down by a federal grand jury on April 4, 2007 and sealed pending the apprehension of Mohi, alleges that, while procuring his U.S. citizenship in 2004, Mohamad Mohi lied orally and in writing to immigration authorities about his prior arrest for criminal sexual conduct and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Mohi made his initial appearance in federal court in Detroit today before United States Magistrate Judge Donald A. Scheer, and was released on bond. On the naturalization fraud count, Mohi faces a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine and, upon conviction, would automatically be stripped of his United States Citizenship. He faces maximum penalties of 5 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on each of the other two counts.

In announcing the Indictment, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy commended

the work of the Special Agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who conducted the investigation, and the ICE Detroit Chief Counsel's Office. The prosecution is being handled by Special Assistant United States Attorney Mark J. Jebson.

"My office in coordination with ICE will continue to vigorously and systematically pursue those who have obtained their U.S. citizenship or other immigration benefits unlawfully," said United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. "The notion that a criminal immigrant can rest easy once he gets his citizenship papers is a false assumption indeed," Mr. Murphy emphasized. "The Department of Justice and ICE will utilize every criminal, civil, and administrative remedy to ensure that those who obtain U.S. citizenship under false pretenses will not benefit from their dishonesty."

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement who stated that, "becoming an American citizen is privilege not a right." "We will not tolerate those who pledge their allegiance to this nation knowing that the oath they took was achieved through lies and fraud. ICE Special Agents will work with our partners in the U.S. Attorney's Office to ensure that those privileges are removed."

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.